CHAPTER 7 – HEALTH & SANITATION

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Sections 7-3-101 to 199, inclusive. Refuse - general provisions.

Sections 7-3-101 Definitions.

A. The term "refuse" or "solid waste" as used in this chapter shall be interpreted to mean kitchen waste, an accumulation of animal and vegetable matter which attends the preparation, cooking, and eating of food; cans, bottles, paper, other waste materials ordinarily originating in a household, but excluding yard waste, tree limbs, industrial by-products, building materials other than approved by the Solid Waste Manager, ashes, dirt, concrete, asphalt, sewage and body wastes.
B.  The term "owner" shall mean the actual owner of the building or real estate, either individual, partnership, or corporation, the agent of the owner in charge of such property, or the person to whom any rental on such property is paid. In case of buildings or real estate leased under the agreement that the lessee is responsible for maintenance and repairs, the lessee in such cases will be considered the "owner" for the purpose of this chapter.

C.  The term "occupant" shall mean the individual, the partnership, or the corporation that has the use of the building or real estate, either residence or commercial, or a part or a portion thereof, whether the actual owner, tenant, or sub-tenant. In the case of vacant buildings, residence or commercial, or any vacant portion of the building or real estate, the owner, agent or custodian shall have responsibility of an "occupant" of said property. In the case of a multiple family building or residence, each family shall have the responsibility of the "occupant" of said building.

D.  The term "business building" shall mean any structure, public or private, that is adapted for occupancy, for transaction of business, for rendering professional services, for amusement, the display, sale or storage of goods, wares, or merchandise, or for the performance of work or labor, including - but not being limited in its application to hotels, office buildings, public buildings, stores, theaters, markets, restaurants, grain elevators, abattoirs, warehouses, workshops, factories, and all out-buildings, sheds, barns, and other structures and premises used for business purposes.

E.  The term "residence building" shall mean any structure which is used for the housing and living quarters.

F.  The term "yard waste" shall mean organic materials that can be composted and shall be limited to yard and garden materials such as grass, leaves, weed, and flower and vegetable garden waste.

G.  The term “rubble” or “construction debris” shall mean inert type materials such as bricks, untreated lumber, sheet rock, shingles, non-recyclable concrete that can be disposed of in a non-engineered landfill cell as defined by state law.


Section 7-3-102  Equipment for hauling refuse and yard waste - secured loads.

No vehicle shall be used for hauling refuse or yard waste that is not secured or covered so that no spillage may occur on the streets or on the road to the point of disposal.

The penalty for failing to secure and/or cover loads as stated above will result in a fee according to fee schedule to be approved by the City Commission and presented and on file at the City Finance Office.


Statutory reference: SDCL 9-32-11, municipal garbage disposal systems.


Section 7-3-103  Equipment for storing refuse and yard waste - requirements of containers time of storage.

Solid waste shall be removed at least 3 times weekly from all restaurants, locker plants, grocery stores, and other commercial places of business where putrescible wastes accumulate during the time between June 1 and September 15. If odor and disease vectors become problems the solid waste shall be dumped more frequently to avoid such nuisances.

Solid waste shall be dumped at least once weekly from all restaurants, locker plants, grocery stores, and other commercial places of business, where putrescible wastes accumulate, during the time between January 1 through April 30 and October 1 through December 31. If odor and disease vectors become problems the solid waste shall be dumped more frequently to avoid such nuisances as determined by the Solid Waste Manager.

Solid waste from all restaurants, locker plants, grocery stores, and other commercial places of business where putrescible waste accumulate that is stored in self-contained systems shall be dumped at least once weekly during the time between May 1 and September 30. These systems shall use methods to control odors in the containers on site. Odor control methods shall include neutralizing/deodorizing powders or granules or other methods approved by the Solid Waste Manager. If odor and disease vectors become problems the solid waste shall be dumped more frequently to avoid such nuisances.


Statutory references: SDCL 9-32-10, refuse in public places; and, SDCL 9-32-11, municipal garbage disposal system.

Section 7-3-104  Preparation of refuse and yard waste for city collection - exclusion of certain items.

The City Collection Service will pick up from residences only and will not pick up from any business or business building.

All refuse to be collected by the City Collection Service shall be placed in special plastic bags purchased from the City Finance Office, Solid Waste Facility, or other authorized locations. The bags shall be tied to prevent the scattering of the contents. Each bag shall contain only that amount of refuse which will allow the bag to picked up without rupturing. The bags may or may not be placed inside containers approved by the Solid Waste Manager but shall be securely tied in either case.
Bags shall be purchased at a rate set by the City Commission and said rate shall include the cost of the bag, collection cost, and disposal cost.

All solid waste shall be well drained before placing the same in the containers above described.

All yard waste to be collected by the City Collection Service shall be placed in special bags purchased from the City Finance Office, Solid Waste Facility, or other authorized locations. Each bag shall contain only that amount of yard waste which will allow the bag to be picked up without rupturing.


**Statutory reference:** SDCL 9-32-11, municipal garbage disposal system.

**Section 7-3-105  Collection of refuse and yard waste - placement of refuse containers.**

The City Collection Service shall pick up solid waste at least once per week from all residences on schedules designated by the solid waste manager. The days for residential solid waste and yard waste collection by private business shall be designated by the business that is providing the collection service. Commercial collection frequency shall adhere to the requirements of Section 7-3-103.

Refuse and yard waste containers and bags shall be placed in the boulevard or at the alley line or other location, as necessary for convenient pickup, as designated by the refuse department as a refuse pickup location. Refuse and yard waste containers shall not be left on the street, boulevard, or sidewalk for a period longer than 24 hours, they shall be moved back onto the private property. No refuse collector or refuse truck shall be required to use any private property or private driveway in collecting refuse. Refuse in containers should be secured to prevent blowing debris during dumping of the containers and to minimize blowing during high winds.

If there is no alley access for the collection of refuse for multifamily complexes, the container may remain in the boulevard or other location as designated by the Solid Waste Manager


**Statutory reference:** SDCL 9-32-11, municipal garbage disposal system.

**Section 7-3-106  Refuse truck weight limits.**

Trucks used for regular daily residential solid waste and yard waste collection and commercial solid waste shall adhere to all state size and axle weight limitations and shall under no circumstances exceed a total gross weight of 55,000 pounds.
Designation of city landfill, compost and special waste sites by commission no dumping at any other place - authority of city Solid Waste Manager.

All refuse and solid wastes shall be disposed of at the site(s) selected and approved by the City Commission, commonly called the City Solid Waste Facility, Material Recovery Site and Regional Landfill. All yard waste shall be free of all inorganic materials and shall be disposed of at the Compost Site or Material Recovery Site as selected and approved by the City Commission. Such sites shall be kept and maintained in such manner as to cause as little nuisance or inconvenience as practicable to adjacent property owners and residents.

It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit or cause to be deposited any refuse or solid wastes at any other place, public or private, than that designated by the City Commission as the City Landfill, or at the designated organized collection area. No persons disposing of refuse and solid wastes at said City Solid Waste Facility and Landfill shall deposit the same at any other place except as designated by the Solid Waste Manager, or his/her designee, of said City landfill when so instructed by said Manager.

Special wastes, scrap metals, trees and brush materials shall be deposited only at those areas designated by the Solid Waste Manager or his/her designee for that specific waste.

The City Commission shall regulate the hours of operations at the Solid Waste Facility and Landfill.

No person shall scavenge any material from the Solid Waste Facility or Landfill.

The City Commission hereby confers police powers upon the Solid Waste Manager, or his designee, for the sole purpose of enforcing the provisions of this article.


Statutory references: SDCL 9-32-10, refuse in public places; and, SDCL 9-32-11, municipal garbage disposal system.
The City Landfill shall not accept any hazardous materials, asphalt, or concrete for disposal. Rubble and construction/demolition debris shall be disposed of in a designated area at the landfill. Asphalt and recyclable concrete and metal materials shall be stored in designated areas and be recycled.

**Source:** Ord. No. 1319, 1992; Ord. 1448, 1999; Ord. No. 1806, 2019.

**Section 7-3-109 Fees for landfill disposal.**

All solid waste disposed of at the City Landfill shall be weighed upon entrance and charged according to fee schedules set by the city commission. All yard waste, trees, corrugated cardboard, cans, paper and plastics shall be charged upon entrance according to fee schedules set by the City Commission. City residential utility customers may be issued a gate card allowing access to the recyclables/yard waste area upon request. No fee shall be levied for the initial residential utility customer card. Replacement cards shall be issued according to the fee schedule. Commercial /Business loads of trees and/or yard waste should utilize the scale entrance and pay according to the schedule of fees. Use of access cards by anyone other than the residential utility customer may result in reissuance fees and or forfeiture of the card.

Failing to comply with above section will result in a penalty payable to City Finance Officer as set out in a schedule to be approved by the City Commission and as presented and on file at the City Finance Office.

**Section 7-3-110 Disposition of salvageable material.**

1. The city commission in accordance with SDCL 34A-6-63.1 law has established a resolution for recycling policy and procedures for salvageable, salable, or recyclable material and shall be permitted and allowed to enter into contracts for sale and disposition of salvageable, salable, and recyclable material.

**Source:** Ord. No. 1319, 1992; Ord. 1448, 1999; Ord. No. 1806, 2019.

**Section 7-3-111 to 199, inclusive. Reserved.**